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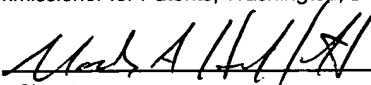
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Serial No.: 09/905464 Group Art Unit: 2184  
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Title: FORMATTING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A DIRECT  
ACCESS STORAGE DEVICE

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**Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant(s) do(es) not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related co-pending application(s) for the above-identified patent application.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/516,100	March 1, 2000	RO999-185	Method And Apparatus For Improving Track Format Efficiency In A Direct Access Storage Device
09/896,465	June 29, 2001	ROC920000270US1	Pad Eliminating Decoding Method And Apparatus For A Direct Access Storage Device

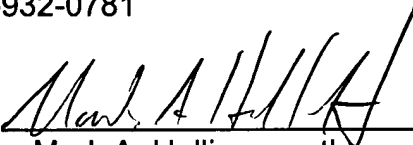
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

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